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MEMORANDUM FOR : Associate Deputy Director for Operations  
FROM : [ ]  
Chief, Evaluation and Program Design Staff  
SUBJECT : Nine Covert Action Programs Directed Against the USSR  
and Eastern Europe (S)

1. Action Requested. The nine Covert Action activities directed against the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are submitted for your review and approval. The activities are covered by the Operations Directorate Objective T 2 of Fiscal Year 1979. The activities propose to: "covertly support the publications of books in the Russian and East European languages and distribute these and other books and periodicals to the USSR and Eastern Europe. The program seeks to keep alive the traditions of a free press and respond more adequately to the great demand for proscribed literature in the East." The nine activities were reviewed and endorsed by the Special Co-ordination Committee and its Working Group on Special Activities on 16 May 1978. It was subsequently approved in a Presidential Finding of 7 June 1978. It is requested that the nine Activities be approved for the [ ] budgeted in FY 1979. Please see the attachment for a three-year (FYs 78 - 80) financial breakdown of the nine Activities. (S)

2. Background. These nine activities represent the total of the Agency's publications-distribution activities directed against the USSR and Eastern Europe on a continuing basis. A brief description of each of these programs follows.

a. [ ] supports the publication of books and materials in Russian and Eastern European languages. A London-based Contract Employee and publisher directs two London-based companies which select, edit, publish, and distribute suitable works for the Soviet and East European targets. (S)

b. [ ] promotes a low-key but steady flow of publicity in Western Europe on the violations of human rights by the Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries. Most of the material is supplied by emigre groups and persons living in Western Europe. (S)

c. [ ] is the major book and periodical distribution activity for proscribed literature to the USSR and Eastern Europe. It channels uncensored literature to hundreds of individual distributors who are in contact with Soviets and Eastern Europeans. This activity operates through seemingly unrelated corporate entities in New York, London, Paris, and Rome. (S)

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d. PDGIDEON covers the Agency's noncontrolled subsidy to the People's Labor Alliance (NTS), which is the best organized and most prominent of the Russian Emigre groups. The NTS smuggles proscribed (samizdat) material out of the USSR, publishes it, and then smuggles the material back into the USSR through its extensive networks. Our contact with the German-based NTS is through a Russian-speaking case officer assigned to [ ] who travels periodically to Frankfurt. The NTS also receives limited financial support from the West German Intelligence Service. (S)

e. [ ] subsidizes a major European wholesale outlet for Russian language literature. [ ] has an extensive mailing list and distributes both in the Free World and within the Soviet-Bloc. This activity also provides Russian-language materials for [ ] (see 2 c above), which otherwise would not be available. The firm is based in Munich and the owner/manager is an Independent Contractor. (S)

f. PDDYNAMIC provides support for the Ukrainian Liberation Council and its operational branch Prolog Research Corporation, which is located in New York. The activity also includes a Munich affiliation, which publishes a monthly magazine, books, pamphlets, etc., for infiltration into the USSR and distribution among Soviets, mostly Ukrainians, abroad. The activity is designed to provide intellectual and moral support to those Ukrainians inside the USSR who seek moderation of the Soviet political system. (S)

g. [ ] funds the Russian-language newspaper [ ] which is published weekly in Paris. Its purpose is to inform, support, and encourage Soviets who favor liberalizing their government's foreign and internal policies. (S)

h. [ ] covers the publication of the Czech-language political-literary magazine [ ]. This intellectual magazine is produced in Paris by an Agency Career Associate who acts as editor and publisher. Thousands of copies are smuggled into Czechoslovakia where they are clandestinely distributed to the ultimate readers. (S)

i. [ ] provides a subsidy to the Institut Litteraire in Paris to support the publication and distribution of the Polish-language monthly Kultura and other Polish-language works. [ ] has been an influential and respected voice of opposition to the Communist Government of Poland for more than thirty years, and is widely read within Poland and Eastern Europe. (S)

### 3. Special Provisions:

a. In FY 1978 the ADDO approved changing the PDDYNAMIC and [ ] Activities from proprietaries to non-controlled subsidies. The SE Division objective in so changing these two Activities was to further distance the

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Agency from the actual management of the two companies, while continuing to support their operations. (S)

b. As a result of an IAD/CAS reevaluation in the light of applicable Agency regulations, your approval is requested to change again the status of PDDYNAMIC and [ ] The probable continued high level of our subsidies to these two Activities and reporting requirements to the House and Senate Committees argue for reclassifying them as controlled subsidiaries. This proposed change in status should be made in order to conform more closely with actuality. The Administrative Plans will be revised when approval is granted to change status again. (S)

4. Recommendation: The Evaluation and Program Design Staff recommends approval of these nine renewal requests (including para 3 above) at the FY 1979 budgeted level of [ ]. These Activities are in accordance with the provisions of Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act. A copy of the financial status of these Activities covering the fiscal years 1978 through 1980 is attached for your information. (S)

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Attachment: A/S

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As Submitted

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